

**Element 5**  
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

9J-5 Reference  
9J-5.015 (3)(a)

**Goal 5.1**            **To coordinate the activities of the County with affected federal, state, regional and local jurisdictions and agencies.**

(3)(b)(1)            **Objective 5.1.1**    **Sumter County shall continue to coordinate its comprehensive plan with the plans of the Sumter County School Board and with the comprehensive plans of the Sumter County cities of Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Webster and Wildwood; of the adjacent counties of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Pasco and Polk; and of the adjacent Lake County Town of Lady Lake. This is accomplished through ongoing communication with those jurisdictions through joint planning efforts and special subject committees.**

(3)(c)(1)            Policy 5. 1.1.1       The County shall utilize the Intergovernmental Coordination Element of the Comprehensive Plan as the basis of an intergovernmental coordination program. The County shall coordinate the planning activities mandated by its comprehensive plan with the Sumter County School Board and with other units of local government providing services, the region and the state.

(3)(c)(1)            Policy 5.1.1.2       The County shall continue to coordinate with the cities of Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Webster and Wildwood through interlocal agreements to ensure that land use decisions in these cities are consistent with the Sumter County Comprehensive Plan as well as the city's comprehensive plan.

(3)(c)(1)            Policy 5.1.1.3       Sumter County remain in interlocal agreements with all municipalities within the county and shall use this mechanism to coordinate annexation of unincorporated areas on the boundaries of the cities.

(3)(c)(3)            Policy 5. 1.1.4       The County shall assign responsibility within the county staff to ensure the widest possible dissemination of information concerning development proposed in its comprehensive plan and to encourage public discussion of all proposed plans and programs. Public information programs will include newspaper articles and speakers at public gatherings. Discussion will be encouraged through public hearings.

(3)(b)(2)            **Objective 5.1.2**    **Sumter County shall continue to ensure an intergovernmental coordination process between the County and other entities providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of the land. This process will include developing interlocal agreements concerning land use and development decisions in the planning area.**

(3)(c)(1)            Policy 5.1.2.1       The County shall continue to coordinate with Southwest Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and other state and federal agencies that have permitting in the County to ensure water quality and stormwater drainage are consistent with development. The County shall initiate meetings, as necessary, between county staff and agencies that have permitting responsibility for new developments.

(3)(c)(1)            Policy 5.1.2.2       Sumter County shall continue to coordinate with the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council in the implementation of those policies included in the Comprehensive Regional Policy Plan that require intergovernmental coordination.

(3)(b)(2)            **Objective 5.1.3**    **Sumter County shall coordinate the impacts of all development**

**proposed in its comprehensive plan upon development in the Sumter County cities of Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Webster and Wildwood; in the adjacent counties of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Pasco and Polk; in the adjacent Lake County Town of Lady Lake; and with State agencies.**

(3)(c)(1) Policy 5.1.3.1 The County shall continue interlocal agreements with the municipalities within the county and with adjacent counties by which each government will review the relationship between development proposed in the Sumter County plan and its own plan.

(3)(c)(5) Policy 5.1.3.2 The County shall review for potential impact on other jurisdictions or agencies all projects being proposed by agencies of county government.

A. Housing

Policy 5.1.3.3 Sumter County shall continue to use a Housing Advisory Board in cooperation with municipal local government and the private sector.

B. Recreation

Policy 5.1.3.4 A Recreation Coordinator shall be used to advise the County Commission on current and future recreation development including needs, priorities and economic feasibility.

Policy 5.1.3.5 The County shall provide input to the appropriate State agencies related to the recreational development of lands acquired under the SOR and CARL programs. The input should include the findings in the Comprehensive Plan Recreation Element and the findings of the Recreation Coordinator.

C. Air Quality

Policy 5.1.3.6 The County shall comply with regulations of the Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry regarding burning to ensure the protection of air quality. The County shall designate a staff member to be responsible for coordinating with the Department and maintaining complete familiarity with said regulations.

D. Potable Water, Sanitary Sewer, Solid Waste, Drainage, Aquifer Recharge

Policy 5.1.3.7 The County shall continue its intergovernmental cooperation with the cities in Sumter County to facilitate the expansion of needed water and sewer facilities to serve appropriate areas.

Policy 5.1.3.8 The County shall cooperate with the municipalities in the extension of municipal water and sewer systems into the unincorporated areas of the county utilizing CH. 180 FS.

Policy 5.1.3.9 The County shall review grant opportunities and submit applications to pursue funding for wastewater facility projects and other grants potentially available for the county.

Policy 5.1.3.11 It shall be the policy of Sumter County to:

- a. adopt, implement and enforce uniform standards for all community water systems in the unincorporated area of the county in conformance with the rules and regulations of the WRWSA, the SWFWMD and the DEP.
- b. establish water service district areas where needed to provide adequate potable water service.

E. Future Land Use

Policy 5.1.3.12 Sumter County shall:

- (3)(c)(1) a. continue to confer with all municipalities and with adjacent counties pertaining to future land use to review the requirements of the comprehensive plans in order to avoid potential conflicts;
- (3)(c)(5) b. refer all conflicts for which resolution cannot be reached to the WRPC for mediation;

F. Traffic Circulation

- (3)(c)(1) Policy 5.1.3.13 Sumter County shall continue to monitor the FDOT 5-year work program regarding projects within the county limits. Particular attention will be paid to projects by which the FDOT will relieve capacity deficiencies on I-75.

- (3)(b)(3) **Objective 5.1.4 Sumter County shall continue to coordinate the impacts within the county of projects proposed by other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over the use of land.**

- (3)(c)(5) Policy 5.1.4.1 The County shall request copies of and review all plans and programs being proposed by other government entities, with suspected or potential impacts on the county.

Policy 5.1.4.2 The County shall review for potential impact all projects proposed in the Sumter County area by other agencies, both within and adjacent to the county's jurisdictional limits.

- (3)(b)(3) **Objective 5.1.5 In each instance in which level of service standards are established for public facilities, Sumter County shall coordinate with any state, regional or local entity having operational and maintenance responsibility for such facilities**

Policy 5.1.5.1 The County shall, in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation, establish consistent level of service standards to be maintained on major roadways throughout the county.

- (3)(c)(2) Policy 5.1.5.2 Where level of service issues cannot be resolved between Sumter County and the entity responsible for operation and maintenance of the facility, the County shall employ the assistance of the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council to resolve such conflicts through the informal mediation process.

**Objective 5.1.6 Sumter County shall ensure effective coordination with private and non-profit agencies by providing mechanisms that will enhance development within the county.**

Policy 5.1.6.1 The County shall solicit recommendations from various public and private organizations such as the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce to assist in the identification of areas to be preserved for historical purposes and areas to be recommended for future community revitalization actions.

Policy 5.1.6.2 The County shall continue to work with the Sumter County Development Council to further economic development programs that will guide the pursuit of non-polluting industries which will diversify and strengthen the economic base of the county.

**Objective 5.1.7 Intergovernmental Coordination**  
**Sumter County shall strive to maintain and enhance joint planning processes and procedures for coordination of public education facilities for planning and decision-making.**

**On an ongoing basis, Sumter County shall establish new and review existing coordination mechanisms that will evaluate and address its Comprehensive Plan and programs and their effects on the comprehensive plans developed for the adjacent local governments, School Board, and other units of local government providing services but not having regulatory authority over use of land and the State, by an annual county-wide forum, joint meetings or other types of forums with other agencies. Assistance for this effort shall be requested from regional and state agencies, as needed.**

Policy 5.1.7.1 On an annual basis, Sumter County shall ask the School Board to provide information from their five year Capital Facilities Plan to determine the need for additional school facilities. The School Board shall provide to the County, each year, a general education facilities report. The educational facilities report shall contain information detailing existing facilities and their locations and projected needs. The report shall also contain the School Board's capital improvement plan, including planned facilities with funding representing the district's unmet needs.

### CALENDAR OF KEY ANNUAL DEADLINES

<b>February 1</b>	Cities' and County's Growth Reports Provided to School Board
<b>April 15</b>	Staff working group meeting regarding enrollment projections and any proposed amendments to the school-related elements of the comprehensive plan provisions and to review monitoring and evaluation of school concurrency report
<b>June 30</b>	School Board provides Tentative Educational Facilities Plan to County and Cities for review
<b>July 30</b>	Cities and County provide School Board with comments, if any, on Tentative Educational Facilities Plan
<b>September 1</b>	School Board's adoption of Educational Facilities Plan
<b>September 1</b>	Update of Five-Year Capital Facilities Plan adopted into Cities' and County's comprehensive plans

Policy 5.1.7.2: In order to coordinate the effective and efficient provision and siting of public educational facilities with associated infrastructure and services within Sumter County, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners, the Sumter County School Board, and the City of Bushnell Council, Center Hill Council, City Coleman Council, City of Webster Commission and City of Wildwood Commission shall meet jointly to develop mechanisms for coordination. Such efforts may include:

1. Coordinated submittal and review of the annual capital improvement program of Sumter County and Cities, the annual educational facilities report and Five Year School Plant Survey of the Sumter County School Board.
2. Coordinated review and assessment of the associated costs and expenditures of siting and developing schools with needed public infrastructure.
3. Coordinated review of residential planned developments or mixed use planned developments involving residential development.
4. Use of a unified data base including population (forecasts of student population), land use and facilities.
5. Use of the Parks/Schools Planning Group (with representatives from each of the entities) to review coordinated siting of schools with parks for multi-functional use. Directives resulting from the joint meeting shall be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, Land Development Regulations, and other appropriate mechanisms as deemed necessary.

Policy 5.1.7.3 In cooperation with the School Board and Cities (Bushnell, Center Hill, Coleman, Webster and Wildwood), Sumter County will implement the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning for the County of Sumter, Florida between Sumter County, all legislative bodies of the municipalities, as required by Section 1013.33, Florida Statutes, includes procedures for:

1. Joint meetings;
2. Student enrollment and population projections;
3. Coordinating and sharing of information;
4. School site analysis;
5. Supporting infrastructure;
6. Comprehensive plan amendments, rezonings, and development approvals;
7. Education Plan Survey and Five-Year District Facilities Work program;
8. Co-location and shared use;
9. Oversight process; and,
10. Resolution of Disputes.